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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shohei FUJISAWA

Group Art Unit: 2879

Application No.: 10/849,880

Examiner: P. MACCHIAROLO

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For: LIGHT SOURCE DEVICE, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING LIGHT SOURCE  
DEVICE, AND PROJECTOR

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

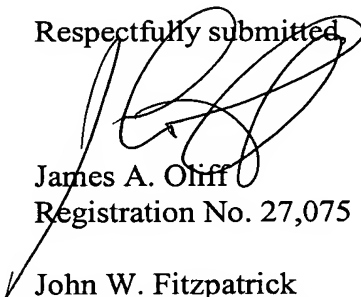
In reply to the January 5, 2006 Restriction/Election of Species Requirement,  
Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-14 and Species "a", claims 3 and 10 with  
traverse. Claim 1 is generic.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-19 and 23-25 are  
sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one the Groups or  
Species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining Groups or Species.  
Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application  
could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the  
search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the  
examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or  
distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should

apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction/Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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